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Secretary Mrs. Harmon Thompson

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Minutes of
Equity League
1915-1916

Mrs Harmon Thompson
Secy.

October 19 - 1915

The Equity League met with Miss Evelyn Spickard Mrs. C. H. Thompson retiring secretary read the minutes for Mrs. Harmon Thompson expected secretary at the last meeting. Minutes approved.

The matter of having dues \$1.00 instead of \$1.05 was voted upon & carried, to be put into the constitution. Mrs. Biggs read resolutions from Mrs. Monroe McDougall of the executive committee urging the ladies to distribute literature at the State Fair. The State President Miss Orr also wrote urging this work. Mrs. H. W. Tucker was appointed Chairman of the Fair work. Mrs. Harmon Thompson was made Chairman of the Fair Parade Committee.

upon urgent request of Mr. Howard Williams, manager, to participate in the event. After current events on the suffrage question, delicious tea & sandwiches were served, & the meeting adjourned to meet upon invitation of Miss Amanda Buck at a date to be selected by her. Visitors present were Mrs Johnson, Mrs Robinson & Mrs Spickard.

November 30, 1915

The Equity League met with Mrs. Harmon Thompson. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Arthur Granbery, not in town & the Vice-President, Mrs. Spencer, unavoidably late Mrs. C. H. Thompson was made temporary chairman.

Mrs. Tucker reported that the Fair Managers were anxious to have us represented & gave passes to 3 representatives on 2 different days. The banner that the Parade Committee had had made was used to great advantage, & at least 5000 badges were pinned on, including out-side work during the Fair. Those done outside

work were Mrs. Biggs,
 Mrs. C. H. Thompson,
 Miss Evelyn Selickard
 & Miss Louisa Ragland.
 Those arriving inside the
 Fair Grounds, were, on
 the first day, Mrs.
 J. W. Juckett, Miss
 Frances Lusk, Miss
 Jeannette Wilkinson &
 Mrs. Harmon Thompson.
 On the second day,
 Miss Evelyn Folger &
 Mrs. Harmon Thompson.
 Mrs. Harmon Thompson
 of the Parade Committee
 reported, that six ladies
 marched: Mrs. Biggs &
 Miss Abby (of the As-
 sociated Charities) who
 carried the banner, Mrs.
 S. B. Watty, Mrs. Lurley,
 Mrs. C. H. Thompson &
 Mrs. Harmon Thompson.
 It was the first suff-
 rage parade in Miss.
 It was very frequently ap-

plauded. Moving pictures were made of the parade, this section arriving plainly.

It was moved & carried to take a collection at each meeting, 35¢ was taken up at this meeting. Mr. G. H. Thompson sent his dues \$1.00.

Five new Pledge cards were read, recused by Mrs. Garrison Thompson.

The secretary read resolutions regarding Memorial to Congress which had been sent out by Mrs. G. H. Thompson in order to have it reach Washington in time. Matter approved.

After current reports refreshments were served. A number of visitors were present.

Jan. 4 1916

Equity League met Jan. 4, 1916 with Mrs J. W. Tucker the President, Mrs Arthur Granberry presiding in the chair. Mrs Tucker reported that a rummage sale had been held & that \$4.50 had been realized. This she had paid to the Tucker Printing Co. for the badges used during the Fair. My Secy. was instructed to tell the Treasurer to pay for the banner used during the Fair. Mrs L. H. Alexander of the Miss Society Association visited the League & gave a

Petition to be presented to
the coming Legislature
asking that as many
members as possible
sign it. She was
instructed to take charge
of the Petition & to
secure as many names
as she & others could.

Mrs. Tucker then
served delicious chop-
sate & wafers, (after
a collection of 30¢
was taken) meeting
adjourned.

Feb. 3rd, 1916

Equity League, met at
 Leverage Library. After
 the Lord's Prayer, the
 minutes of the last
 meeting were read &
 approved. Officers present
 were Mrs. Arthur Granbery,
 Pres. & Mrs. H. L.
 Thompson, Secy.
 Mrs. E. H. Thompson
 paid \$1.00 dues for
 Mr. Garland Lyell, &
 \$1.00 dues for Mr.
 Will Watkins. Mrs.
 Arthur Granbery paid
 dues \$1.00.

It was moved &
 seconded, that dues be
 paid at or before the
 September meetings.
 Carried.

The Secretary was
 instructed to report to
 Mrs. E. H. Alexander
 of the Juvenile Reform

atory A, the list of names
 secured on petition.

The Equity League
 committee having se-
 cured names for their
 petitions to the Legisla-
 ture to have women
 serve on of Illinois
 institutions, were requested
 by ^{Order} to send all petitions
 to Mrs Somerville
 of the Executive Board
 of Mrs Grayberry read
 a letter from Mrs Somer-
 ville, stating that she
 was having printed
 some pamphlets by
 Judge Campbell at
 10¢ each, concerning
 the legal status of
 women, & requesting
 that our League take
 some. Secy instructed
 to order \$1.00 worth.

A collection of 57¢ was
 made.

An interesting paper

was read by ^{wrs} Will Terry, on
 the suffrage question.
 Scott was instructed
 to hand in money
 for dues to the Treas-
 urer, thro' Mrs L.H. J.
 Active members were
 urged to collect dues
 from regular paying
 members.

The meeting adjourn-
 ed to meet Sat-
 ureday in March
 at the Carnegie
 Library.

March 7, 1915 -

The Equity League met at the Carnegie Library Mrs Ross Collins was made temporary chairman in absence of president who was ill.

Mrs E. H. Thompson acting treasurer reported state dues for following:

Mrs J. W. Jockey	\$ 1.00
Mrs H. A. Carleton	1.00
Miss Evelyn Pickard	..	1.00
Mr W. H. Watkins	..	1.00
Judge Garland Fyll	...1.	00
Mrs E. H. Thompson	,	1.00
Mrs ..	"	1.00
Mrs Arthur Granbery		1.00
		<u>8.00</u>

Mrs Bigge paid dues 1.00 which was handed over to Mrs E. H. Thompson, acting treas.

Mrs H. L. Thompson presented the 40 pauph.

Its she had ordered from
 Mrs Somerville at 10¢ each
 Miss Annie Page took
 7 copies to sell, & Mrs
 J. W. Tucker 4. To pre-
 sent to City Federation
 & the other two were
 sold in the meeting.
 Mrs L. H. Thompson
 gave some music to
 the League composed
 by Mrs A. Collins. Mother
 Mrs Grant of Meridian.
 Five copies of this were
 sold at 25¢ each.
 Collected \$5.00 -
 still due 10¢ Mrs Bridge.

25¢ Mrs Collins.
 Mrs J. W. Tucker was
 appointed delegate to
 State Convention, with
 Mrs Ross Collins, alter-
 nate.

Letter read to League
 by Mrs Tucker from
 a lady in Europa
 asking for literature.

Mrs. C. H. Thompson was
requested to mail her
meeting adjourned to
meet first Tuesday in
April.

April meeting -
No program.

May 2nd, 1916.

A delightful meeting was held on this date in the Carnegie Library.

Mrs. H. L. Thompson reported \$4.00 collected for dues: viz

Miss Alva Marshall	\$1.00
Miss B. Vincent	- 1.00
Mrs Biggs	- 1.00
Mrs H. L. Thompson	1.00
	<u>4.00</u>

Unit turned over to Mrs. C. H. Thompson who reported \$3.00 more collected for dues.

Mrs. H. L. Thompson read a copy of her report to the state convention. A proper copy also read to our State President

in regard to an article
sent for the Memphis
Edition of the Daily News.
A copy of Mrs.
Somerville's report
to the State Con-
vention was read,
& the League unani-
mously voted to
write her a letter
of appreciation of
her faithful work.
Meeting adjourned to
meet 1st Tuesday
in October.

October 28 1916.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in the home of Mrs J. W. Sucker on this date & plans discussed for a booth for the State Fair, this booth having been offered us by the Fair Management. Same accepted, & committee appointed to decorate it.

Mrs Sucker reported that our League had been called upon for pennants, badges, etc to be used during the parade on opening day of the Fair.

Mrs H. A. Thompson reported dues pd. for Miss Louise Melton - also .50 for music & \$1.00 -
agreed - sold -

Equity League
met Dec. 7 with
Mrs C. H. Shoup
son in her
home. Miss
Gober was elected
temporary chair-
man if the
absence of the
Pres. who was ill.
Miss Gober
Pres. work -

Mrs C. H. J. read
letter from Miss
Latt to Miss Goe
concerning schools
of instruction -

It was moved & second-
ed that Equity League
stationery be printed
Mrs. Specker & Miss
Gober were ap-
pointed on this
committee.

Mrs. E. K. Thompson recd
copy of letter to
Pres. Wilson congratula-
ting him on his
election & voicing the
sentiment that Miss.
women wanted to help
elect him. It was moved
& seconded to have this
printed in local papers.